

Super Tuesday ends with close calls statewide

McCain emerges as front runner in Republican Party

By Kenny Larabee
Chief Reporter

Sen. John McCain won nine states on Super Tuesday, including Missouri, to emerge as the front-runner for the Republican's presidential nomination.

McCain won 601 delegates to 176 for Mitt Romney and 147 for Mike Huckabee in incomplete results, according to the Associated Press. McCain also squeaked out a narrow victory in Missouri, winning 33 percent of the state's Republican vote to Huckabee's 32 percent. McCain also won Nodaway County.

Now with over half of the 1,191 delegates needed to secure his party's nomination,

McCain's win solidly entrenched him as the Republican favorite, Northwest History, Humanities, Philosophy and Political Science Department Professor Robert Dewhirst said.

"Decisive is maybe a little strong, but it's a big, big victory and he's got a lead that's almost insurmountable," Dewhirst said. "Romney and Huckabee are mathematically still in it. But it's very difficult from here on out for them to catch up."

Dewhirst was one of many local citizens weighing in on Tuesday's primaries. The day before, Nodaway county citizens turned out to vote for whom they felt were the from federal higher education

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Obama, Clinton run neck and neck in primary

By Sean Comer
Political Reporter

Missouri Democrats spoke up loud and clear Tuesday — they just didn't say it all to just one candidate.

823,754 eligible Missouri Democrats cast their ballots across the state Tuesday night — about doubling number of Democratic votes from the 2004 primary. Barack Obama won the hearts of 49.2 percent of Missouri's voting Democrats to edge out the 48

percent Hillary Clinton won, but the two split the delegates at stake, 30 delegates a piece.

Missouri's votes themselves didn't surprise Young Democrats president Andrew Dufour. Obama winning most close primaries decided by 5 percent or less did interest him.

"Obama's doing a very good job of pulling out the young vote and getting independent votes," Dufour said.

Obama could become the first black president of the United States if he wins the nomination. Clinton could

become the first woman to occupy the Oval Office if she wins it.

Supporters of both make compelling arguments.

Amanda Nelson co-directs and performs in Northwest's annual production of "The Vagina Monologues." She also threw her support behind Barack Obama. She gives Clinton credit for forcing Washington's hand on women's issues and presenting a no-nonsense stance on everything

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"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole."

-Roger Caras



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ANGEL OF MERCY

By Sean Comer
Political Reporter

Abby Simons knew her dog Lily had run out of time.

Simons and her mother paid nearly \$1,000 in vet bills to give Abby's 15-year-old American Eskimo's failing kidneys a fighting chance. But Abby knew what she needed to do. Her dog's pain needed to end.

She wouldn't put her dog through the pain of a drive from Warrensburg, Mo., back to Des Moines, Iowa, where the two had grown up together since Abby was 10 years old. She couldn't trust this last important step in her friend's life to a vet she didn't know.

Abby knew whom to call. She called Sally Hayse, the veterinarian who cared for Lily during Abby's time at Northwest.

Finding Her Calling

Hayse met found her calling growing up in south-central Iowa. She didn't own many pets. She made up for that with a fascination about what made animals tick. Her family had enough livestock and cats to feed that fascination at a young age.

She took a job at 15 years old with Lamoni Farms, Inc., in south-central Iowa. She indulged her curiosity as a midwife to the 2,000-sow, "labor-intensive" operation. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Science from Graceland University, and then received her veterinary training at Iowa State University.

She arrived on the doorstep of Maryville's only small animal-exclusive clinic, South Paws Veterinary Clinic, about five and a half years ago.

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photo courtesy abby simons

(TOP) MARYVILLE VETERINARIAN SALLY HAYSE has the only small animal-exclusive clinic in town, South Paws. Hayse has often makes house calls to assist with pet care. (above) LILY, WAS ONE of the dogs Hayse put to sleep. Lily was the dog of former Missourian Editor Abby Simons.

NORTHWEST GROWTH

Space could become issue Enrollment plan suggests building new academic, living facilities

By Evan Young
Managing Editor

(This is the second part of a two-part series focusing on what the University is doing to address an expected enrollment increase over the next several years in terms of its impact on faculty and students.)

While it's clear the University expects its numbers to grow as it enters the next decade, where all of its additional students will live and learn is a more open-ended topic.

The Rational Expectations Enrollment Plan (REEP), approved in December by the Northwest Board of Regents, predicts a 20 percent enrollment increase over the next five years.

"Sooner or later ... the space issue is something we'll have to grapple with, and the same goes with classroom space," Provost Kichoon Yang said.

If the REEP's estimation holds true, the University's total headcount would rise to about 7,700 students, more than 6,150 of who would be full-time, or taking at least 12 credit hours, according to the REEP.

First-year freshmen would make up about 15 percent of the increase, or about 1,380 students a year, according to the plan. The remaining 5 percent would be made up of transfer, graduate and outreach students.

The REEP makes a few recommendations to address Northwest's projected growth. Two of them pertain to the expansion of living and academic facilities.

Long-term living

With more students comes the possible need for additional living quarters, the REEP suggests. If the institution holds first-time freshmen enrollment at 1,380 students a year, Northwest should still be able to accommodate them, working with the options it currently offers.

Residential Life Director Matt Baker said. For example, the University won't offer private upper-classman rooms in Franken Hall next year to free up space for freshmen, Baker said.

However, after a few years, there may be a strain on students who want to remain on campus beyond freshman year, he said. The construction of the new Hudson and Perrin halls added living options for first-year students, but did nothing for upperclassmen, he said.

Residential Life's 15-year master plan, which helped build the Tower Suites, Forest Village Apartments and Hudson and Perrin, should also address the REEP predictions, he said.

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CARSON APARTMENTS FIRE

Those impacted most by apartment fire reflect on past year

By Evan Young
Managing Editor

Miserable.

It was the only word she could come up with to describe the year that has passed since losing her oldest son.

Brandon Kaut, a budding photographer, artist and musician, was one of two people killed when a grease fire engulfed Maryville's Carson Apartments in the early morning hours of Jan. 27, 2007.

In the subsequent, emotional months, his mother, Cindy White, left her job as an elementary special education teacher and watched sons Kendall and Triston White struggle with their grades despite support from their schools in Appleton City, Mo.

She stayed at home making memory quilts from her son's photos and drawings.

"(Brandon) had just started his life, and it seemed like it all just crashed," Cindy said.

Fueling their grief most was, and still is, an overall lack of support from the Maryville community, Cindy said.

Brandon, who was 22, went to Northwest

for a couple of years, where he studied graphic design, worked at Maryville's Kawasaki plant with the fire's other victim, Derrick Schafer, 28, of New Market, Iowa; and was even saving money to open his own photography studio.

Yet beyond his group of close friends, who have been "wonderful," it's become evident to Maryville's family that their tragic loss has been "pushed under the rug," Cindy said.

"We had a memorial service (shortly after the fire) ... and all of his friends came, but no one else from the community showed up. There was one flower there, from Derrick Schafer's family," she said. "That hurts. Brandon loved Maryville."

The feeling of being left in the dark continues today, she said. As the fire's one-year anniversary came and went, Cindy heard of no plans to commemorate the tragedy and wasn't even sure what had become of the Carson site.

Still, Cindy thinks her family's loss has made them stronger.

"I've become a very overprotective mother with my two sons," she said. "You never go a day without saying 'I love you' and giving hugs, something you just have to do now."

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Brandon's mom Cindy White, about life after losing a son

In addition, the family has worked hard to keep Brandon's legacy alive. Cindy kept his MySpace.com profile open and created an additional virtual memorial, while one of his close friends maintains a memorial MySpace page — filled from top to bottom with Brandon's creative photography and artwork.

Brandon graduated from Appleton City High School, and to help his artistic dreams come true, his family teamed with U.S. Bank to create the Brandon Kaut Art Scholarship Fund, to be awarded annually to an Appleton City senior pursuing a career in art or photography.

As for the future, the family will continue

to move forward, "picking up the pieces," Cindy said.

She, Brandon's brothers and his stepfather, C.C. White, have started a family tradition. Christmas dinner this year was from Domino's Pizza in honor of the last time they were with Brandon. When they arrived in Maryville to see him on Christmas Eve 2006, it was too late to go to Hy-Vee or Wal-Mart to buy groceries for meals. The family spent the weekend eating Domino's and Hardee's, Cindy said.

She wants to start teaching again, possibly starting this fall.

"I would like to go back, give it another shot," she said. "Hopefully."

What remains

The Carson Apartments fire displaced residents in 14 of the complex's 15 units, including eight Northwest students. All of the residents eventually found new housing, though not all of them had insurance on the possessions they lost, according to Maryville Public Safety.

No charges were ever filed against anyone, including Alfred Maina, the young man who fell asleep while cooking french fries on a stove

and awoke to the fire that took out the entire complex. The investigation into the blaze found nothing, and it remains an accident, Public Safety Director Keith Wood said.

After the flames rekindled on firefighters several times that night, Public Safety ordered the building be demolished. The rubble sat at the site until a permit for its removal was issued in early June 2007, Public Works Director Greg Decker said.

Hiawatha Tool Co. of Kansas City owns the empty lot, Decker said. However, an official from the company couldn't be reached for comment about the property's future.

Resilient receiver

The lowlight of Abe Qaoud's past 12 months may come as a surprise.

He looks beyond the fractured eye socket and ribs, separated shoulder, bruised lung and third-degree leg burns he sustained after jumping from his third-story window at the burning Carson Apartments last January — injuries that very nearly ended his life, let alone his career as wide receiver for the Bearcats.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Northwest wins blood drive competition over Central Missouri

By Lisa Houtchens
Chief Reporter

This year was different. The Community Blood Center sponsored a blood drive last week where Northwest competed against the University of Central Missouri to collect the most units of blood in three days.

It was suggested the competition because the number of donors was low at both universities, Community Blood Center Donor Recruitment Representative Betty Tinker said.

UCM was also having their blood drive at the same time, so they decided to do a competition, Student Senate Civic Service Chair Erin Holm said.

"It's something we have been wanting to do for quite some time, to try to bring the numbers up in both places," Tinker said.

Official competition is what the Community Blood Center is looking to do in the future, Tinker said. At this point it was on a trial basis.

"We put it on a trial basis to see how close to each other it would be this year. Next year we will shoot off our official competition (between the two universities)," Tinker said.

Giving blood is important, because it helps so many people. One pint of blood saves two lives, Tinker said.

The goal of the contest was to stir up a little friendly competition and get people out there to donate, Holm said.

"A friendly rivalry always gets people to come out," Holm said.

Giving blood for many is easy to do, but there are many first-timers who get nervous. Junior Annessa Stiens gave for the first time Jan. 29.

"I was a little bit nervous, but they talked me through everything," Stiens said. "It made it a lot easier."

Giving blood is very important in order to supply hospitals with enough blood to cover their usage. The blood that is received from the blood drives goes to support the local hospitals, Tinker said.

Northwest won the competition by raising 267 units of blood. UCM collected 226 units of blood by the end of the drive, Tinker said.

"Northwest has always been awesome, they have always pulled through for us," Tinker said. "It's a college we can count on."

The competition worked out so well that the

dates are already set for next year, and the competition will continue with UCM.

The only thing different about next year's competition will be how they determine the winner, Tinker said.

This year, the winner was simply determined by the school that had the most units collected at the end of the drive. Next year, the winner will be determined by the average number of donors compared to students. The school with the higher average of students giving will be

the winner, Tinker said.

"This way it gives an equal chance to both schools," Tinker said.



STUDENT SENATE sponsored a blood drive, held last week in the J.W. Jones Student Union, Tuesday. Carlier Mason listens to his iPod, to not concentrate while giving blood. Northwest was competing against the University of Central Missouri, to raise the most units of blood.

CAMPUS BRIEF

Medium Weight Forks accepting submissions

The Medium Weight Forks is accepting poetry, fiction, non-fiction, art and photography submissions now until Saturday, March 1.

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Living Well, Being Well-Balanced

A message from the Northwest Wellness Center



by Beau Dooley
Director of Wellness/
Director of Health Services

Eighteenth century Dutch physician Paul Boese wrote: "We come into this world head first and go out feet first; in between, it is all a matter of balance."

This notion of the importance of balance throughout our lifespan — of the equipoise among all interacting elements that affect our daily existence — is a critical concept in defining wellness and in living well. While "wellness" means many things to different people and definitions of the term abound, many descriptions center on a state of balance among the various dimensions (such as physical, intellectual, spiritual, social, emotional, and occupational).

In essence, too much emphasis on one dimension and not enough on another will lead to imbalance and consequently a less-than-optimum state of health and well-being results.

Achieving a state of wellness through balance is a very introspective and individualistic endeavor. Each of us is unique; it is vital to the process of achieving an optimum state of personal wellness that we make an honest assessment of our behaviors and lifestyles and determine for ourselves what facets of our lives we need to bring into balance. Discovering that we are putting too much emphasis on one dimension and not enough on another can be a profound revelation and a critical step toward living well.

Many paths exist that can lead us to a complete state of physical, intellectual, spiritual, social, emotional, and occupational well-being. Seeking balance is an important part of the process. Doing so may allow us to live more fully and aspire to reach our maximum potential.

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES COUNCIL

Ice cream magnate offers business tips Greenfield admits most learning comes outside of classroom

By Michael Clements
Chief Reporter

Some came for points, all came for pints.

Jerry Greenfield, co-founder of Ben and Jerry's spoke Tuesday night at Charles Johnson Theater about the ice cream company and building a company that values giving back to the community.

"We would never stay in business without the support of people," Greenfield said.

Greenfield spoke as part of the Student Activities Council Lecture series. A free pint of Ben and Jerry's ice cream was given to everyone in attendance.

Greenfield speaks up to 15 times a year and enjoys getting to know the towns he visits.

"Sometimes it's really rushed and sometimes I feel like I get to spend a little time and get to know a place a little bit and that's one of the things that's really nice about here," Greenfield said. "I got to go tonight, I'm going to go out tonight, I am going to see all that Maryville has to



Jerry Greenfield
co-founder of Ben and Jerry's

offer, and I'm going to feel like I really experienced Maryville."

Some students attended for extra credit points. Greenfield offered advice to those students interested in business. Start small, he said.

"You can have a different kind of business and still be successful," Greenfield said. "The typical thinking is that if you want to have a business that is a caring business, that gives back, you won't be able to be successful, and our experience is completely opposite of that. If you want to have

a business that has values as part of it, you can do it and still succeed."

Small business will have difficulties along the way, Greenfield said.

"I think it's important to do something that you are passionate about," Greenfield said. "If you are doing something you really love and care about, that will take you through those difficult times."

Greenfield impressed a lot of people. Student Activities Council Lecture Chairman Wesley Miller said.

"I expect them (students) to see a guy who started from nowhere coming right out of college and starting a huge business everyone knows about," Miller said. "I think my favorite part was him listing off all the flavors, it was really exciting."

Ben and Jerry's, looked upon as an innovator and a business that looked beyond its own interest in what Greenfield is most proud of in his career.

"One thing I didn't mention is that when we first started, Ben and I said that if we are still in business a year after we start we're going to celebrate by giving out free ice cream ... never thinking we would still be in business," Greenfield said.

Greenfield spoke about a quote from his business partner, Ben Cohen.

"Business has a responsibility to give back to the community from which it gains its support,"

Ben and Jerry's celebrated the one year anniversary by having free cone day. The business still hosts free cone day annually at its ice cream parlors.

When he sees someone carrying a pint of ice cream with his business logo on it, Greenfield stops to enjoy the moment.

"Look, there's somebody with a pint and a spoon, it's a beautiful sight isn't it? A pint and a spoon. No dish, no cone, no scoop," he exclaimed.

Besides the free ice cream, the best part of the lecture was learning about Ben and Jerry's, freshman Cody Smith said. His favorite part was learning about the values of the company.

Many people end up in a different career field than what they studied in college, like Greenfield, who graduated college as a biology major.

"Nothing I learned in any of my college classes directly connect with what I do as an occupation," Greenfield said. "So much learning in college is more than what you learn in the classroom."

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Observatory offers free star gazing

The Chemistry and Physics Department will host a stargazing event from 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday at the Mazingo Outdoor Education Research Area.

Observatory Coordinator Chris Shelton will host the event. Participants will have an opportunity to look at the sky using the University's 14-inch telescope.

There will be information about locating constellations, planets and other objects and the winter sky.

The event is open to everyone.

Exploring Majors returns Tuesday

Exploring Majors is scheduled 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday in Career Services and Advisement Assistance in the Administration Building.

This event allows participants to get help with deciding and changing their majors.

The event is sponsored by the Career Services Office and Advisement Assistance. For more information, call 562-1250 or 562-1695.

Greeks hold dress sale to raise funds

The Greek Week Dress Sale will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 20 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Dresses of all sizes, colors and lengths are available.

All proceeds will go to Northwest Greek Week.

For more information, e-mail s270627@nwmissouri.edu.

Wellness Center sponsors display

The University Wellness Center is sponsoring a sculpture display made by Kansas City artist Larry Kirkwood for the Body Image Project, a commentary on how body shape affects the perception of others and self-image.

There will be 20 plaster casts formed from living models displayed from Sunday, Feb. 17 through Wednesday, Feb. 20 in the J.W. Jones Student Union.

Kirkwood will give a lecture at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 19 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Living Room.

COMMUNITY

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Fabulous '50s thrive in small-town restaurant

By Dominic Genetti
Community News Editor

Elvis Presley and Marilyn Monroe are just a couple of the faces you'll see at Peggy Sue's restaurant in south-central Iowa.

The 1950s is the full-scale theme of the restaurant and it all began with the ambition of owner Sandy Lamb, a child of the famed era.

"I was in grade school in the '50s and I had older cousins and I just thought they were cool," Lamb said. "Everybody was happy in the '50s, it was a good time, it was peaceful, fun, prices were right; it was an easier lifestyle."

Named after the 1957 hit rock 'n' roll song by Buddy Holly, Peggy Sue's is located in Mount Airy, Iowa about 50 miles north of Maryville.

"It was really hard picking a name and it just came to me one day that I should just follow through with the '50s theme and use Peggy Sue's," Lamb said.

Offering a variety of items, the restaurant menu features homemade chips, a large choice of burgers, hot dogs, and of course, the '50s diner favorite, malts and milk shakes.

While some restaurants may do their best to prepare a meal quickly, it's the cooking authenticity that Lamb said she was shocked to hear when "The King" himself came in for a burger.

"We had Elvis here one night," Lamb said. "So it's not like your Dairy Queen, type shake."

A crowded restaurant is practically the daily experience at Peggy Sue's. Customers will find themselves sitting in bright red chairs and booths as the lights reflect off the traditional black and white checkerboard tile floor.

"I decided I wanted a unique look that would draw an interested crowd," Lamb said.

Songs from music's golden era fill the air from a modern style jukebox and it's those sounds of doo-wop and rock 'n' roll that restaurant manager Michael Jackley brings people in on a consistent

basis.

"There's a nine o'clock group, a 10 o'clock group, there's a one o'clock group, a two o'clock group and I got two little old ladies that come in at 3:30 every day," Jackley said. "They just come in, have coffee and listen to music."

With the jukebox playing strictly '50s music, patrons won't be surprised to hear the sounds of music legends like Bobby Vinton, Sam Cooke, The Everly Brothers and the Platters.

Mount Airy resident Jerry Marler and his wife Ruth, frequent Peggy Sue's for a quick trip back in time and hearty breakfasts made from scratch.

"It's just a nice homey little restaurant," Jerry said. "It's nice to have a good clean restaurant."

Many have traveled to Mount Airy just to experience Peggy Sue's, Lamb said. Some have even come overseas from England and Germany.

"It's exciting for me because I usually try to sit down and visit with my customers and find out where they're from," Lamb said.

In return for traveling far to eat at her restaurant, Lamb always makes sure her distant visitors leave with at least a T-shirt or cardboard '50s car to remember Peggy Sue's.

Out of the many that pass through the door of the restaurant, Lamb said she was shocked to hear when "The King" himself came in for a burger.

"We had Elvis here one night," Lamb said. "I had gone home from work and I got a call that said 'You won't believe who's here.'"

Sure enough, Lamb found a man dressed in an Elvis Presley costume eating in one of the booths.

"It's a guy from Missouri, he does an impersonation, he sings and he likes to pop in (dressed) in his Elvis suit," Lamb said.

Peggy Sue's isn't only a restaurant. The building can be rented out for parties, '50s style of course and in conjunction with other businesses, the restaurant holds an annual car show.



(above) BOASTING A 1950s theme, Peggy Sue's Restaurant in Mount Airy, Iowa entertains guests from across the country and the world. Located on the town square, Peggy Sue's Restaurant features a unique facade with a 50s sedan sticking out of the front of the building.

Peggy Sue's can be found on the town square in Mount Airy across from the Ringgold County Courthouse just look for the giant car sticking out of the building.

"I knew what I wanted and people actually thought it was crazy when I said I wanted to put a car on the side of the building," Lamb said.

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McCain: Wins by margin

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strongest candidates. Over 1,590 county citizens turned out to vote Republican. Economy and the war in Iraq were primary issues for Rod and Joyce Hennings. The Henningses though, said no one issue brought them out, they would have voted regardless.

"Personally, I just think we should vote," Joyce said. "I think it's our American right to vote and we should do it whether we agree with everything that's going on or not."

Missouri proved to be one of the fiercest battles in the country, producing tight races for both parties. Doing well in Missouri can translate into long-term success. Northwest History, Humanities, Philosophy and Political Science Department Professor Richard Fulton said.

OBAMA: Youth decide

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funding to getting troops out of Iraq. "She's kind of a don't-take-crap kind of gal," Nelson said. "If she hears an issue she doesn't agree with, she voices an opinion. For women, in April 2007, the Supreme Court had forgotten all about women's health and she said 'This is an issue that needs to be addressed.'"

"Women make something like 77 cents on the dollar, compared to a man, a black woman makes something like 67, a Hispanic woman makes 57. Those numbers are shocking to me in 2008. Those issues alone make her more appealing to vote for."

About 53 percent of the 2,201 Democratic ballots cast in Nodaway County were pro-Obama, Nodaway County Clerk Beth Hann said. That topped the approximately 42 percent of ballots for Clinton.

Obama's pull with young voters might still be a wildcard. "It could be a liability because in 2004, there was a strong push to get the young vote out," Dufour said. "There will be a lot of registered young voters didn't come out to the polls. The difference this time, is Obama seems to be pretty effective in getting the young vote out."

CHRISTIAN CELEBRATIONS

Lent begins religious season

By Lisa Houtchens
Chief Reporter

It's all in the name of Christ.

Each year, religious faiths around the world spend 40 days praying, fasting and almsgiving.

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, ends with The Holy week; Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Intended to be a journey that people go through just as Jesus did, Lent is the tradition of the 40 days is the account of Christ in the desert. He went in to pray and to fast and while he was there he faced temptation and struggled within himself, Newman Catholic Center Director Bridget Brown said.

"It's asking Catholics to pull back a little bit, slow down and retreat to some degree from the everyday," Brown said. "And spend a little time reflecting who they are or what they are and where they came from."

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the three practices the church focuses on. Prayer is spending time in communication with God. Fasting is recognizing we need discipline and almsgiving is to be charitable and to share with others, Brown said.

The Newman center is home to many students, one of who has taken a personal responsibility to build her own spiritual life, Brown said.

President of the Newman Center Gina McGinnis sees Lent as a time of worship and preparation.

"It's a time to prepare my heart for being able to experience the fullness of Jesus' dying on the cross," McGinnis said.

McGinnis is looking at the struggle of giving something up. Instead, she is going to become more organized and spend less money on eating out, she said.

The Catholic faith looks at Easter

as the most significant of events in its faith because of Jesus' sacrifice.

"Jesus died on the cross and it represents that we are forgiven, kind of like a clean slate," McGinnis said.

McGinnis is involved in many organizations Gamma Alpha Lambda (The Christian Sorority), President of the Newman Center, student ambassador and a member of Campus Crusaders for Christ.

"As I've come to college, my faith has become super important," McGinnis said. "It's been something I have come to appreciate a lot more and make active and proactive steps in living every day for Jesus."

McGinnis involvement at the Newman Center does not go unrecognized.

"She is a very loving, generous and enthusiastic leader," Brown said. "And she's very hospitable and she works hard at living by the Christian virtues."

LEAP YEAR FESTIVITIES

First Baptist Church to host Leap Year party

By Erin Loges
Missourian Reporter

The Young Marrieds class at the First Baptist Church is holding a Leap Year Party for the church family at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 29 at the fellowship hall.

"There will be a meal of spaghetti, salad, green beans and desert followed by a program," said Amy Sparks, office manager.

"Basically, this is just a night of

outreach to the whole church and a night of fellowship," said Scott Shamberger, church member.

The event is put on by the Young Marrieds class at the church.

"We have the class every Wednesday night and it is growing," Shamberger said. "They wanted to do something for the whole church family."

The class had originally planned on having a Valentine's Day party,

but decided to have a larger party for the whole church instead.

After the meal, there will be an area with games for kids and a program for adults. Childcare will also be provided after the meal for children five and under.

If other community members are interested in attending, they should contact the church. The meal costs \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

CITY BRIEFS

Missouri Complex Fence Laws to be explained soon

An Interactive Television (ITV) program to discuss Missouri's Complicated Fence Law will be held from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 21.

The meeting will be held in the McKerny Center, which is located on the Northwest campus on Centennial Drive. There is a \$5 charge for this meeting and that covers the program and materials.

Pre-registration is recommended, as space is limited due to room size. Contact the Nodaway County Extension Center at 582-8101 for more information.

Romance at the Rose

An evening of love songs, scenes and sonnets takes place at 7 p.m., Thursday Feb. 14 at the Rose Theatre at 118 W. Third St. in Maryville.

Admission is \$20 per couple. All proceeds to benefit the Nodaway Community Theatre Company.

Registration coming up for kindergarten

Kindergarten Roundup for 2008-2009 school year at Eugene Field Elementary School in Maryville will be held Feb. 19-21 at the elementary school office at 418 E. Second St.

If you have any other questions, call Eugene Field Elementary at 562-3233.

Hours extended at Community Center

The Maryville Community Center is now open 24-hours a day during the week, starting 5 a.m. Mondays and ending 8 p.m. Fridays. Saturday's hours of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday's hours from noon until 6 p.m. remain unchanged.

The Community Center is experimenting with a 24-hour format until Feb. 29. If the trial period reveals adequate usage, Maryville Parks and Recreation will consider extending the trial period throughout the winter months.

Habitat accepting 2008 applications

Habitat for Humanity of Nodaway County has begun accepting applications from families for its next Habitat home to be built in Nodaway County.

A homeowner application meeting was held this past Saturday. The meeting detailed the requirements a family must meet to be considered for a Habitat home and served as a platform for families to ask any questions they might have.

Habitat for Humanity has purchased a property in Maryville, located at 304 E. Cooper, as a potential site for its 2008 project. Any property that the Habitat owns in Nodaway County can be used as a potential site.

Interested volunteers can contact the Habitat for Humanity of Nodaway County at 582-2530.

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OUR VIEW

Foreign student relief fund needs financial support

We've all seen it. Confused, scared students walking around the Union trying to find their next class, the campus or even just a friend. However, these aren't freshmen; they are international students, far away from home and their comfort zone.

In 2005, the Northwest Society of International Ambassadors was created to assist international students when they arrive to adjust to Northwest and help them ease into American culture.

In addition to the group, the Philanthropic Educational Organization recently donated \$330 to create a new emergency fund to help international students when funds are not readily available. If emergency situations arise, international students cannot apply for aid from the United States, they must depend on their own government or family back home.

International Affairs Director Jeffrey Foot hopes the small initial donation will create momentum for others to donate to the fund.

This is a great way for Northwest students, faculty, staff and alumni to help University students that truly need assistance. Most Northwest students are within driving distance from home, and a phone call can help ease concern when financial situations arise.

Past that, Northwest helps out with loans, grants and scholarships.

University members have a habit of helping others in need, whether it's donating to the Angel Tree during the winter holidays, traveling to assist in hurricane cleanups, volunteering for BRUSH or participating in Alternative Spring Break — it's a habit we don't need to break.

Individuals can donate a portion of their weekend bar money or some extra money to the fund. Groups and organizations can ask Student Senate for funds that can be donated to our fellow students.

The Northwest Missourian applauds the efforts of the International Ambassadors and the PEO for beginning the donations. The Missourian knows University and community members won't look past this volunteer opportunity and find the dollars to assist with international student emergency fund.



MY VIEW

Candidates depending on youth vote? Don't bet on it



Sarah York and Jeff Kanger
Contributing Columnists

By now, Super Tuesday has passed and the people of Missouri have thrown in their two cents as to whom they want the presidential candidates to be. The primary season brings out partisanship and bickering, but rarely a high voter turnout, however that is different this time around. Although both parties are enjoying record turnout, the Democrats are really off the charts.

Both sides are motivated and the party faithful are going to the polls in record numbers. Tuesday morning, senior citizens and historical primaries in history was transpiring. Despite the best efforts of MTV, the youth vote is simply not there. Remember the 2004 race when Howard Dean was supposed to be the Democratic nominee, because he could motivate young people to get out and vote? Dean

concerned parents took time out of their days to make sure their voices were heard. Meanwhile across Northwest's campus, students were killing time on the Internet or playing video games. All the while one of the most historical primaries in history was transpiring.

We may not vote, but we sure have opinions. College students are the first to protest a war or lose sleep if there are cuts in higher education funding. We will protest the rise in rising if you provide a free meal, but we sure won't vote. There is no excuse for young people to not actively participate in our election process. It will be our tax dollars that bail out a failing Social Security system (you're welcome Mom and Dad). It is our blood that is being shed in the war on terror.

We will have to live with the decisions of today's politicians, but we can't take the time to educate ourselves

and vote. Some say it is too difficult or confusing; well if that's your excuse, maybe college wasn't the best choice you ever made.

We are not naive enough to think this little tantrum will motivate any young people to vote or care, but it just may. Maybe if you missed your opportunity in the primary, you will find the time in your not-so-busy schedule to learn about the nominees and what they stand for.

You will have all summer to learn about absentee or early voting. Students that are from outside of Maryville could even register to vote here. If and how you decide to get involved is your business, but when Social Security is bankrupt and you can't find a job when you graduate, instead of blaming the politicians try looking in the mirror.

MY VIEW

2009 budget presents problems for current, future leaders

One area of interest for voters and those campaigning in this upcoming election, among other things, will be the 2009 budget proposed by the Bush administration, which would take effect in the beginning of October.

How will the newly elected president balance our economy? He or she will most definitely be in a fiscal jam after President Bush steps down from office, especially if a Democrat wins the election.

Among other things, the 2009 budget cuts federal funding for many of the domestic programs that Democrats are typically for, such as Medicare, food programs for the poor (including chil-



Kathleen Wilmes
Contributing Columnist

dren and pregnant women), health research leading to a decrease in grants for research, medical programs for veterans, federal programs to increase energy efficient homes and many other things. Even though this sounds pretty bad, there are some things that the budget allows for an increase in funding. Most are pretty typical for this administration.

These include money for education programs teaching abstinence, Pell Grants, which really hits home here at Northwest for those coming from lower-income families, an increase for the Food and Drug Administration staff sent overseas to inspect imports (which

I'm sure makes all parents happy that buy toys made in China) and last but not least — military and defense spending for the war on terror.

Money will be spent to modernize the military, increase military readiness, increase the size of the military, and to continue with a system to protect the United States and allies against missiles.

Most of the increase in program spending will go towards aiding the efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as the general defense of the United States, which has been Bush's major goal since 9/11.

Now I know some of you reading this are sitting there with your eyes wide open in shock with your brow furrowing in anger and frustration. But before you go on a yelling spree, let me point a couple of things out to you first.

President Bush does not have much time left in office. The majority of Congress is composed of Democrats. The president has an extremely low approval rating, which means that Congress feels less compelled to listen to what an unpopular president has to say, especially if they are looking to get re-elected.

These factors combine to create the worst thing possible for a Republican president facing his last days in office and that is the great possibility of his budget being drastically changed, completely falling through, and/or the possibility of inaction.

But regardless to say, a newly-elected president, no matter the race, sex or party affiliation, will have a huge problem on his or her hands and that is how to turn it all around without greatly sacrificing their own agenda.

ENROLLMENT: Numbers already on rise for next fall

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The master plan is at a point now where it's assessing the University's future enrollment demands, Baker said. After talking with current students, the next step may involve building another upperclassman, suite-style residence hall while retiring one of the high-rise freshman halls, he said.

The case for classrooms According to the REEP, Northwest should maximize the use of the classroom and office space it has now — such as the expansion of the Valk Agriculture Professions Building to include former modular classroom courses — and work to boost summer and online course enrollment as a short-term solution to the lack of any classroom space.

However, over time, the plan suggests the institution pursue building a new general-purpose academic building, complete with 150 offices, 25 medium-sized classrooms and several lecture halls. Different from the rest

The REEP is an interesting forecast for an institution located in a region that has high school graduate numbers peak this academic year — and will now see them decrease for about the next seven years, Enrollment Management Dean Beverly Schenkel said.

Therefore, colleges and universities will also see their enrollment numbers level off and/or start declining as a result, she said. However, Northwest may be one exception. As a whole, the University has

"a lot of things working coherently at the right time," Schenkel said. This includes ongoing initiatives such as its laptop program, new residence halls and the recent joint admissions agreement with North Central Missouri College, she said.

These efforts should help counteract marketplace predictions about the dip in future enrollment throughout the region, she said.

Although the REEP's findings were surprising, they weren't determined on a whim, Yang said. "Future enrollment isn't that random," Yang said. "It depends on what we do in response to changing conditions. We have some control over what future enrollment is going to be."

"People who don't know how ... to retain students think that enrollment just happens, that we are at the mercy of some external demographic factors, but that's not entirely the case."

The University is already seeing evidence of the enrollment increase, Schenkel said.

The number of admission applications coming in, online or otherwise, is up 10 percent from where it was at this time last year, she said. Further, the number of students Northwest has accepted thus far is up 7 percent from this point last year, she said.

Yang remains optimistic about the institution's planned growth. "I think this is a good problem to have ... much better than saying 'What are we going to do with all this empty space, all these empty classrooms,'" Yang said.

VET: Euthanasia a difficult, necessary part of vet's job

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"She Wasn't Just a Family Pet..." Ten-year-old Abby got a special present from her mother in August 1992 — a furry, white present that kept giving for 15 years. Abby remembers a time when she only had her mother and Lily in the house.

"If you flip through my mom's family photo album, every first day of school photo she's trying to jump in the car in high school," Abby said. "She wasn't just a family pet. That dog was my life."

The two posed for first-day-of-school and prom photos together in high school. Abby parted ways with Lily for her first two years at Northwest before Lily joined her in a house on West Seventh Street.

Lily patrolled the Northwest Missourian offices when Abby put each week's paper together as the Missourian's editor in chief. "She wasn't my dog," Abby said, in an October e-mail announcing Lily's death. "I was her human."

Abby has pictures of Lily getting cozy on a stool at The Pub. A dog and her human — one didn't look quite right without the other. Lily became something of a neighborhood fixture, Abby said.

"We lived on the busiest street in Maryville, so everybody walked by and a lot of people knew her," Abby said. "More people knew her than knew me. I'd take her for walks and guys drinking beers on porches would yell 'Hey Lily!' and I'd look at her and say 'Who are those guys?'"

Hard to Say Goodbye Hayse remembers in surprising detail the first animal she had to euthanize. She ended the suffering of a cocker spaniel with advanced heartworm disease. Hayse said animals' differing reactions to the procedure makes the experience difficult to witness. Some go peacefully with a few final breaths. Others' bodies react more violently to the shot, she said. Some animals realize just how upset their owners are, Hayse said. "A lot of times, you'll see these animals if

they aren't so ill that they're having trouble responding, they're going to try to comfort their owners as they get sleepy — lick their faces," she said. "(Owners) will just talk to them and pet them as if they go to sleep."

Hayse's experiences vary. She remembers each animal in its last moments as if she had just finished with him or her. She remembers calling the University of Kansas to double-check the procedure for euthanizing Isis, a ball python with scoliosis. She described Archie, a 160-pound mastiff who could barely walk, as if he had only just made the last walk into her office.

Hayse goes one extra-mile few other Maryville vets will: she will perform euthanasias at owners' homes.

"Sometimes the animal's more comfortable in their own environment," Hayse said. "So are the owners."

Speaking of pets' best friends, Hayse doesn't downplay the people skills it takes to help animals. She sends sympathy cards to the owners of every pet she puts down — "thank you" cards sent in return cover nearly an entire bulletin board in the South Paws lobby. She helped Abby arrange Lily's cremation and personally signed Abby's card "In memory of my sweet girl," remembering what Abby's last words to her dog, "Goodbye my sweet girl."

"Many times, even if it's an animal that hasn't been a regular patient of mine, I can certainly empathize with the bond they have with the animal," Hayse said. "I do like to send the owners a sympathy card. It's an acknowledgement of how important the animal was to them."

A Beautiful Goodbye Lily had been sick since Labor Day

2007. She had lived with Abby's mother and her mother's fiancée since early September. She improved a little but remained in pain, Abby said.

The decision was inevitable. That didn't make it easy. "I knew what we needed to do," Abby said. "I always pictured having to do this..."

Abby, long-time friend and Missourian adviser Laura Widmer and Abby's mother joined Lily to see her off. With a collection of Abby and Lily's pictures through their 15-year friendship, the three said goodbye to Lily in the shade of a tree just behind the clinic. After one last hug from Abby, Hayse administered the injections and Lily died with a final peaceful breath on a blanket in the shade, in Abby's arms.

"Even though it was the end of Lily's life, in a way it was kind of a celebration of Lily's life," Hayse said. "The whole time that she was going to sleep, Abby and her mom were sharing stories of Abby's life and Lily's life and how in need of a dog she was. I don't remember anything bad about the experience."

Lily thanks Hayse for being a friend to Lily, right up to the end.

"I couldn't be more thankful because without a doubt the hardest thing I've ever had to do was done in a beautiful and peaceful setting," Abby said. "I couldn't think of a more peaceful way for my friend and soul mate to go. And I have her to thank for that."

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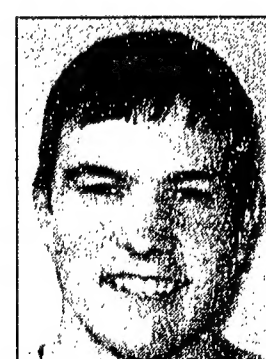
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Are you planning on giving up anything for Lent?



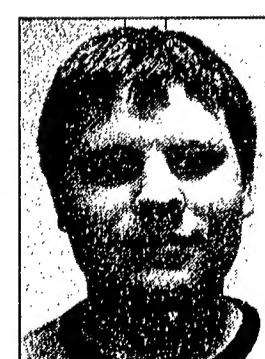
"I meant to, and did, but I already gave up."

Brent Mullen
Broadcasting, Management Marketing



"I'm planning on giving up Facebook."

Erin Luchtal
Elementary Education



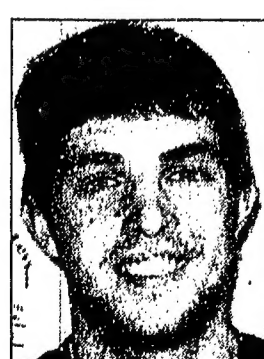
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LASTING LEGACY



FORMER NORTHWEST ATHLETIC DIRECTOR Jim Redd is being inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame Sunday. Redd's journey at Northwest spanned 38 years when he joined the football team as an offensive and defensive tackle. Redd moved on to become head football coach until his retirement in 1982. Redd ended his tenure at Northwest after resigning from the athletic director post in 2001.

Former athletic director heading to Missouri Hall of Fame

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

Jim Redd
Timeline

1963 — Begins football career at Northwest
1966 — Graduate as assistant at the University of Colorado-Boulder
1967 — Returns to Northwest as assistant, coaching offensive line and junior varsity team
1974 — Named defensive coordinator
1976 — Named Northwest's head football coach
1994 — Hires Mel Tjeerdsma as head football coach
2001 — Retires as athletic director
2002 — Named athletic director at William Jewell College
2008 — Inducted into Missouri Sports Hall of Fame

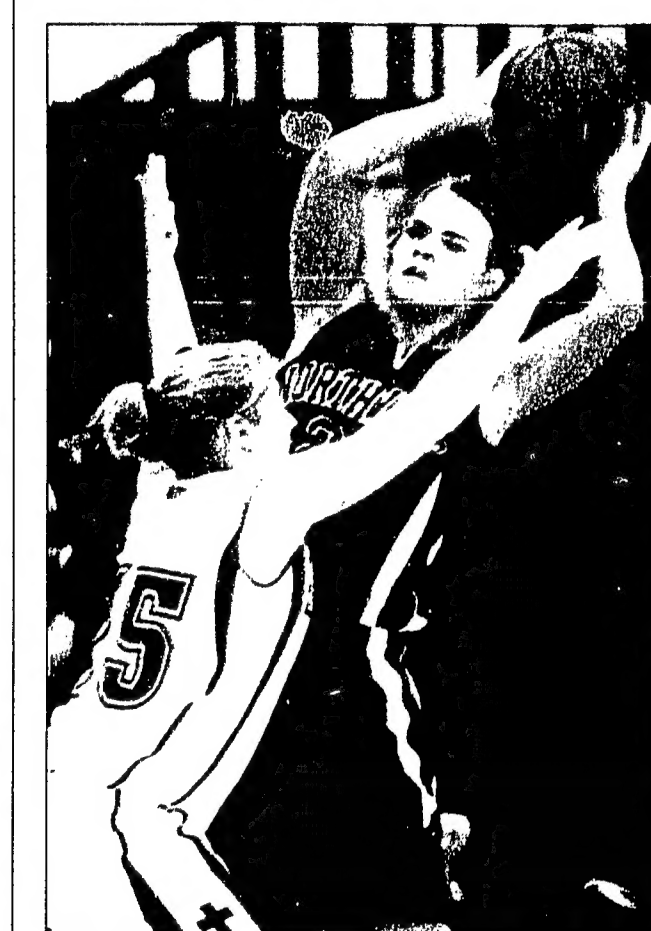
He started out as a kid simply wanting to play college football. Since leaving Kansas University, an upstart halfback was slashing, cutting and gliding his way into Kansas folklore. The only cutting Jim Redd had experienced since then was that of his new school's football program. But as Jayhawk legend Gail Sayers began etching his name in the record books, Jim Redd finally found home. It wasn't in Kansas, where he started his journey as a freshman football player. It wasn't Benedictine College, where he transferred because of the added playing time. No, it was Northwest — a school registering a little more than 2,000 students, and a football team that hadn't won a conference title in 11 years. Two years had elapsed since that kid who just wanted to play football actually touched the game field. But when Redd finally returned to the gridiron, he started a journey. A journey that eclipsed 38 years of service to an institution where his name became etched in folklore as a football player, instructor, coach, advisor, athletic director and now a Missouri Sports Hall of Famer.

Redd's trek earned him a Missouri Sports Hall of Fame spot, being presented to him Sunday. This honor is shared by eight others with Northwest ties. A three-sport star in high school, Redd decided to pursue football because of his 6-foot-3-inch, 240-pound frame. The desire brought him to Kansas, but after starting for the freshman team and redshirting a year, Redd moved on to Benedictine, where he thought he would receive more playing time. He thought wrong. To Redd's surprise, the football team he thought he'd be playing for in 1962, was out. That brought Redd to Northwest. His impact stretched to both sides of the ball, where he played offensive and defensive tackle. The team, following a no-win season, went 3-6 his first year. The team went 6-3 in each of his final two years. "We made some strong progress, coming off a team that had been down for quite some time," Redd said. "And back then, the conference featured only teams from Missouri, so we played against Missouri State, Southeast Missouri and other schools that are much bigger. The league was much different."



See REDD on B2

NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



THE NORTHWEST WOMEN look to avenge an earlier loss to Emporia State tonight. The Bearcats held a one-point halftime lead during the last meeting, but were outscored 54-39 in the second half.

Defense holds key to success

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

Northwest women's coach Gene Steinmeyer knows his team's affliction. Now, all he has to do is fix it. The women are on a two-game skid and Steinmeyer said defense is the team's biggest obstacle. "The sad thing is that job we have to accomplish is in front of us," Steinmeyer said. "We can score on almost any team, but we haven't stopped anybody. We have to find a way to play team defense."

Northwest held Washburn to 45 points Jan. 12. Since then, teams are averaging 78.8 points per game, and the Bearcats are 2-4. "We just can't get down and hang our heads," guard Meghan Brue said. "It's mainly our defense. We score 80 points and still lose. We need to come out with more intensity and change that."

In their four conference losses, the 'Cats lost by a combined 22 points, including a 14-point loss against Emporia State. However, Northwest is still tied for second place (6-4), and a win against Emporia tonight would put them in a first place tie. Currently, six teams are .500 or better in the conference, with no team holding a mark better than 7-3. "The traditionally best teams have gone down a little and the middle ones have come up and met in the middle," Steinmeyer said. "Somebody will get hot at the end and win this thing."

Northwest has experience on its side to make a final conference title push. The 'Cats feature 10 upperclassmen, with three senior starters. The task won't be easy. Northwest travels to Emporia tonight and Central Missouri Saturday, a place it hasn't won at since the 2003-04 season. Then, Northwest hosts Truman State, a team that defeated Northwest 84-82 Jan. 23. "We need to be positive and intense during practice to get back on track," senior Kelli Nelson said. "Everyone needs to pick it up and not dwell on the losses."

Nelson and Brue pointed out the second-half defensive performances as being problems during the previous six games. During the team's last contests with Central Missouri and Truman State, Northwest surrendered 108 combined second-half points. "It's more subconscious for us," Brue said. "We relax a little. We need to come out with more intensity. Everyone on this team has the ability to step up on this team. Hopefully soon, we can play better in the second half, and win some of these close games."

Northwest plays at 5:30 p.m. tonight, at Emporia State, before squaring off against Central Missouri at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, in Warrensburg.

NW FOOTBALL

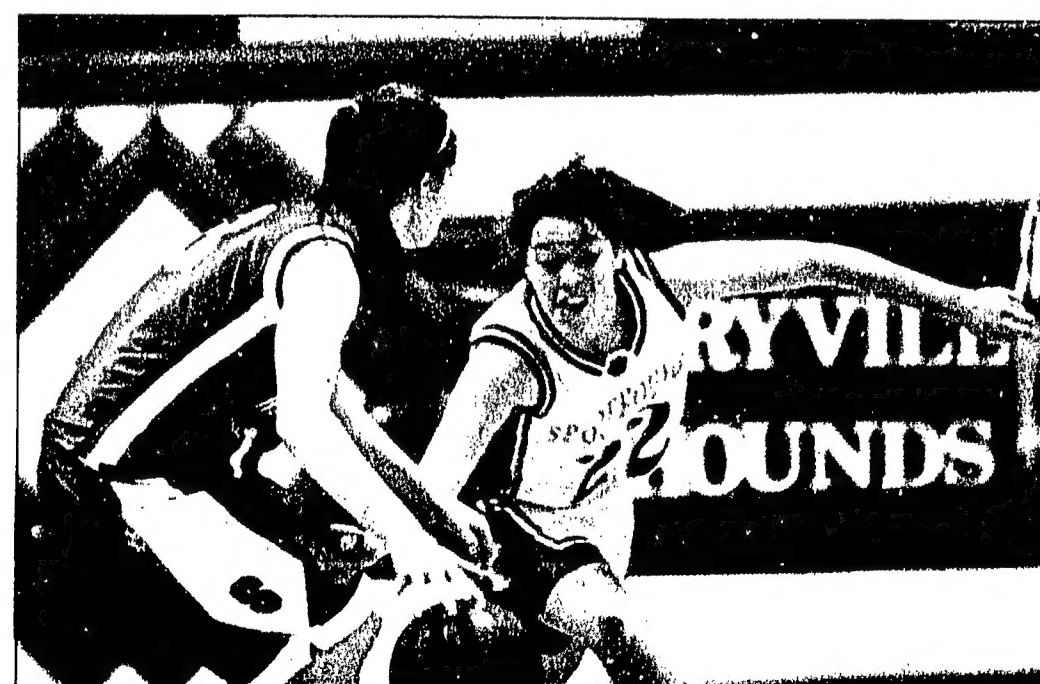
Tjeerdsma inks 26

While former Northwest stars Xavier Omon and Mike Peterson prepare NFL life, current Bearcats are ushering in the next Omons and Petersons. Northwest signed 26 recruits during Wednesday's national signing day. "Cats' coaches reached into the states of Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Illinois, Texas and Wisconsin to collect a class that's heavy on defensive linemen. "We're down a little bit in numbers in our offensive and defensive lines, especially our defensive line," Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "So, we felt like we really had to address that."

The 'Cats address their low numbers on both lines with 11 linemen recruits, seven of who are defensive linemen. Tjeerdsma also continued his trend of signing local talent by acquiring former Spoofhounds Tyler Oglesby and Cory Cronk. Oglesby, a high school linebacker, expects a position change and to be redshirted, but said he's fine with that because playing for Northwest is his dream. For more on Omon, Peterson and Northwest's new recruits, go to NWmissourinews.com.

MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Defending state champion Cardinals await



By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

Falls City provided a rest, however, the Spoofhounds' return to MEC reality will be anything but. Benton, who went undefeated en route to a Class 4 state championship last season, will provide yet another test for the Maryville girls' basketball team. The No. 5 Cardinals (17-3) will mark the 'Hounds' (12-4) fifth opponent in the last six games with fewer than five losses, as well as their third ranked opponent in that time-span. In going 2-2 in this stretch against top-level competition, coach Grant Hageman doesn't think his team will succumb to the pressure, as this sort of game has become routine. "We've played in some bigger games," he said. "As far as just going into the game, they'll be a little less nervous and won't be quite so intimidated because we've come out and played with a couple teams."

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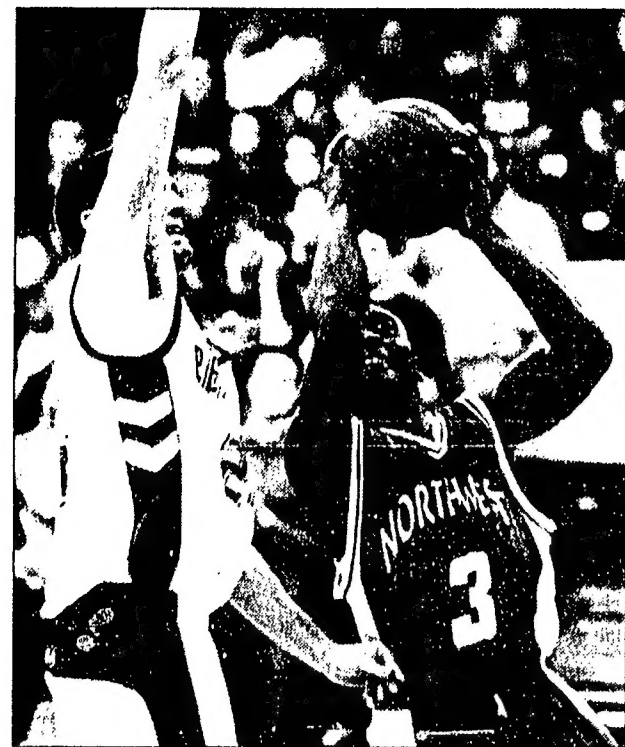
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FRESHMAN SHANNON MCCLELLAN attempts a late-game steal in Maryville's 50-44 loss to Smithville, Jan. 31. McClellan scored four points against the Warriors and 15 against Falls City, last Saturday.

See CHAMPION on B3

NW MEN'S BASKETBALL



NORTHWEST GUARD Mose Howard and Northwest head into Emporia State tonight, looking to end a two-game skid. Northwest hasn't lost three in a row since February 2006.

Inconsistency hinders squad

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Last season's MIAA regular season championship seems so long ago.

A year later, Northwest is tied for fifth with last year's co-champion Central Missouri at 5-5-three games behind first-place Southwest Baptist entering tonight's game at Emporia State.

With seven games left in the MIAA season, the window for Northwest's bid to repeat is closing fast.

"It's not even part of the conversation for me to think about any of the championships and other stuff. The way we've played, we don't deserve it," Tappmeyer said. "I want us to focus on playing well and trying to win enough to get to the conference tournament and see if we can be playing really well at that time."

While Tappmeyer said he's not conceding the regular season title, consistency remains the team's top priority and also, its biggest problem.

"I take a lot of the blame for it. That's what a big part of coaching is," Tappmeyer said. "That's been a challenge, and I haven't always made good decisions as far as personnel, and who should be on the floor and how they match up with other people."

Last Saturday at Baptist, Tappmeyer went with his 11th different starting lineup this season. The combo of Hunter Henry, Matt Withers, Lance Sullivan, Andy Peterson and Mike Larsen worked well the first few minutes as Northwest jumped out to a 12-0 lead.

Two early fouls sent Withers, one of the team's more consistent performers, to the bench and Baptist took advantage, pulling ahead for good late in the first half.

Despite the struggles, Northwest could easily be 10-0 and picking out its favorite pair of scissors for the eventual net-cutting ceremony. In each loss, Northwest lost by seven points or fewer. They lost 79-72 last Saturday after trailing by as much as 18 points.

"It's pretty tough. We don't fault anybody but ourselves," guard John Hawkins said. "We definitely have capable players."

After Emporia, Northwest goes into Central Saturday, looking for its first win at the Multipurpose Building in four years. The Bearcats beat the Mules, 77-62, Jan. 26 at Bearcat Arena.

"That was probably the best game we've played all year," Tappmeyer said. "We had them off guard with a few things we did here. Hopefully, we can go down there and do the same thing."

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NW INDOOR TRACK

Alsup retiring at season's end

By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

For the last 22 years, Richard Alsup trained the male track athletes of Northwest. He's trained All-Americans and conference champions during the indoor and outdoor seasons.

But after announcing his retirement following the 2008 outdoor season, he doesn't mention accolades, just relationships with current and former athletes.

"There are reservations that I'm leaving a great group of individuals, and that's probably the thing that tears me up the most about all of it," Alsup said. "But, it's just time."

Alsup is in his 23rd season as track coach and last fall completed his 31st as cross-country coach. He's been named MIAA Coach of the Year five times for track and once for cross

country while leading the Bearcats to one indoor championship and 10 indoor and outdoor conference runner-up finishes.

Women's coach Scott Lorek will take over the men's team after the outdoor season. Lorek will then hire an assistant to help coach both teams, a task he said he's handled before.

Alsup's final indoor season may be one of his best chances at another indoor title. His sprinters are as deep as ever and only get deeper with the addition of E.J. Falkner, who quit the team more than a year ago. Falkner was, at one time, the team's best runner in the 200 and 400-meter dashes.

"He will add a lot to the team with his times," junior Ron Purnell said of Falkner. "He's set records in the past, so hopefully he can help us out tremendously."

While Lorek will soon have to

worry about both the men's and women's teams, he now focuses on getting his runners healthy and ready for competition.

One young runner who hasn't shied away from tough competition is freshman Bridget Kleine, who finished fifth in the 400-meter dash at the Iowa State Open, Jan. 25-26.

Kleine and the rest of the women's team will compete again Feb. 7 at the Mule Relays in Warrensburg, Mo. The men will begin Feb. 8.

A formal event will be held in the spring to thank Alsup for his years of service.

"When you look around at the equipment and all the stuff we have around here to work with, he's been instrumental in all the things going on here," Lorek said. "So, when I came in here, I was coming into a situation that was good, and it's good because of coach Al (Alsup)."

REDD: First coaching hire headlines era

Continued from B1

All three years, he was voted team captain. His football prowess extended beyond being a top player on the team, as he also achieved All-MIAA honors on both sides of the football. Redd's athleticism didn't stop at the football field, either. The All-MIAA performer played one year of basketball at Northwest, before focusing primarily on football.

The basketball dream was achieved later when his son, Matt, played basketball for Northwest.

Moving on

After three successful seasons on the gridiron, Redd's focus shifted to coaching, but this didn't come without temptation from the NFL.

The Minnesota Vikings and Miami Dolphins were interested in Redd's offensive ability, but he opted not to sign a contract. Instead, he continued his journey, this time at the University of Colorado, where he worked on his Master's degree and became a graduate assistant coach.

"I had a strong desire to get into coaching and teaching, and (Northwest coach) Ivan Schottel encouraged me to go to Colorado," Redd said. "It was a tremendous experience."

But Redd didn't stay away from Northwest for long. One year after leaving for Colorado, Redd returned to Northwest as an instructor and assistant football coach.

Redd came back to a team that hadn't won a conference title since 1952. But that streak didn't last long. Redd assisted Schottel for four years before he left, giving way to coach Gladden Dye. Redd spent the next five years as an assistant to Dye, coaching the offensive line and junior varsity team, before being named defensive coordinator in 1974.

During Dye's tenure, Northwest won its first conference title in 20 years. It didn't take long for the next conference championship, as they also prevailed in 1974.

"Well during that time, you could only travel with 40 players," Redd said. "That's pretty amazing in itself, because you're not even two-deep at

each position ... and we were really successful during that time period."

It had been 13 years since Redd first planted his feet on the Northwest campus, but in 1976 he became head football coach. Redd coached seven seasons, compiling three winning seasons, three losing seasons and one 500 season. In 1979, his team won the MIAA championship, despite being a season removed from a winless campaign.

"We knew from that 1978 team that we were doing the right things," Redd said. "We realized what needed to be done to put winning teams on the field."

That thinking also came in handy a mere 16 years later when Redd made one of the biggest athletic decisions in Northwest history.

Athletic Director

Redd retired from coaching in 1982 when his wife was diagnosed with cancer. He then transferred to Oklahoma State in 1984, where he earned a Doctorate degree, before coming back to Northwest a year later as teaching coordinator for HPERD.

In 1993, his wife passed away. During that time, head football coach Bud Elliot resigned and there was no athletic director.

President Dean Hubbard asked Redd to lead a search committee for a new football coach. During the search process, Hubbard offered Redd the athletic director position.

As the search for a new coach wore on, Redd came in contact with a man from Austin College, a Division III Texas school.

"When Dr. Hubbard offered me the job, he must have liked what I was doing," Redd said. "Then the first thing I did was hire coach (Mol) Tjerdema. And as it's turned out, it was an outstanding hire."

Redd and Tjerdema first met when Redd was recruiting in Denison, Iowa, where Tjerdema was coaching. A few years later, Tjerdema was still coaching and winning, and Redd was in need of a football coach.

"I was thrilled when I came here," Tjerdema said. "He is a straightforward person and honest.

"The second thing is that he was a head football coach, and had a real passion to getting this program back to where it should be."

The attitude that served Redd so well in 1978 came to fruition again in 1994. His first coaching hire was winless in his first season. But that didn't deter Redd's confidence in what the new coach brought to the program.

"He was very up front and very honest," Tjerdema said. "That gave us a lot of confidence."

Redd's persistence paid off. Northwest is now a national football power, and Redd oversaw its days in the MIAA basement, to two-straight national championships in 1998 and 1999.

Before Redd retired in 2001, Northwest won 20 MIAA regular season championships, completed renovations to the track and football stadium, and constructed on-campus softball and soccer fields under his watch.

Redd's reputation of hiring coaches didn't stop at Tjerdema. Current coaches Darin Lee and Gene Steinmeyer were hired by Redd. Steinmeyer has a MIAA Coach of the Year honor, while Lee guided the baseball squad to its first NCAA regional in 14 years.

"First of all, Jim Redd hired good people," athletic director Bob Boerigter said, who succeeded Redd in 2001. "Next you have to provide them with good resources, which he obviously did."

"Finally, an athletic director sets the agenda on where the program wants to go. You have to ask yourself if you're content with mediocre or if you want more. Obviously, he did a great job in all these areas."

After taking a year off, Redd returned to administrating at William Jewell in 2002 as athletic director.

"He's the epitome of what Northwest is about," Tjerdema said. "That's his legacy. When someone says the saying, 'once a Bearcat, always a Bearcat.' You can't come up with a better person to think of than Jim Redd. He loves this school and loves this community."

BEARCATS

MEN'S STATISTICS		
Northwest	Points/game	Opponent
72.8	Field goal pct.	60.7
45.2	Rebounds/game	42.8
35.2	Assists/game	31.5
13.8	Three point pct.	32.7
34.6	Turnovers/game	19.5
13.7	Steals/game	7.0
10.5	Free throw pct.	69.2
6.98	Blocks/game	3.2
1.8		

CONFERENCE LEADERS		
Scoring per game	Steals per game	
1. D. Townsend-ESU 19.4	1. S. Bowlin-MSSU 2.42	
2. C. Abercrombie-PSU 17.9	2. L. Sullivan-NW 2.16	
3. L. Johnson-MWSU 17.6	3. D. Byrd-UCM 2.00	
12. H. Henry-NW 13.3	7. M. Howard-NW 1.74	
17. L. Sullivan-NW 11.0		

Rebounds per game	Assists per game	
1. C. Abercrombie-PSU 10.6	1. D. Townsend-ESU 5.63	
2. R. Bunch-MWSU 8.1	2. M. Scott-WU 4.32	
3. P. Fandja-TSU 7.9	3. B. Burgett-SBU 4.26	
8. H. Henry-NW 7.1		

FG percentage	3-pt percentage	
1. V. Alaba-MSSU .596	1. D. Harris-SBU .537	
2. M. Rogers-SBU .586	2. T. Steele-SBU .463	
3. C. Abercrombie-PSU .584	3. J. Grabowski-SBU .457	
6. H. Henry-NW .527		



THE NORTHWEST MEN are looking to stop a two-game skid tonight as they travel to Emporia. The Bearcats are 5-5 in the MIAA, while Emporia enters the contest at 6-4. In the last game between these teams, Emporia hit a game-winning 3-pointer with 13 seconds remaining to claim the win.

WOMEN'S STATISTICS		
Northwest	Points/game	Opponent
76.8	Field goal pct.	70.1
41.6	Rebounds/game	43.3
38.5	Assists/game	37.7
16.2	Three point pct.	14.8
32.1	Turnovers/game	33.3
14.9	Steals/game	20.2
10.6	Free throw pct.	7.1
7.16	Blocks/game	7.54
2.9		2.8

CONFERENCE LEADERS		
Scoring per game	Steals per game	
1. G. Mueller-TSU 21.6	1. C. Woods-MWSU 3.00	
2. M. Stueve-ESU 21.3	2. C. Woods-SBU 2.37	
16.2	3. T. Ford-MWSU 2.33	
8. M. Schumacher-NW 14.6	10. A. Miller-NW 1.89	
20. M. Brue-NW 11.5		

Rebounds per game	Assists per game	
1. J. Jones-UCM 10.6	1. E. Souza-SBU 4.95	
2. G. Mueller-TSU 9.7	2. C. Woods-SBU 4.56	
3. J. Johnson-MWSU 9.6	3. C. Shewmaker-SBU 4.11	
6. M. Schumacher-NW 7.1	10. A. Miller-NW 3.42	

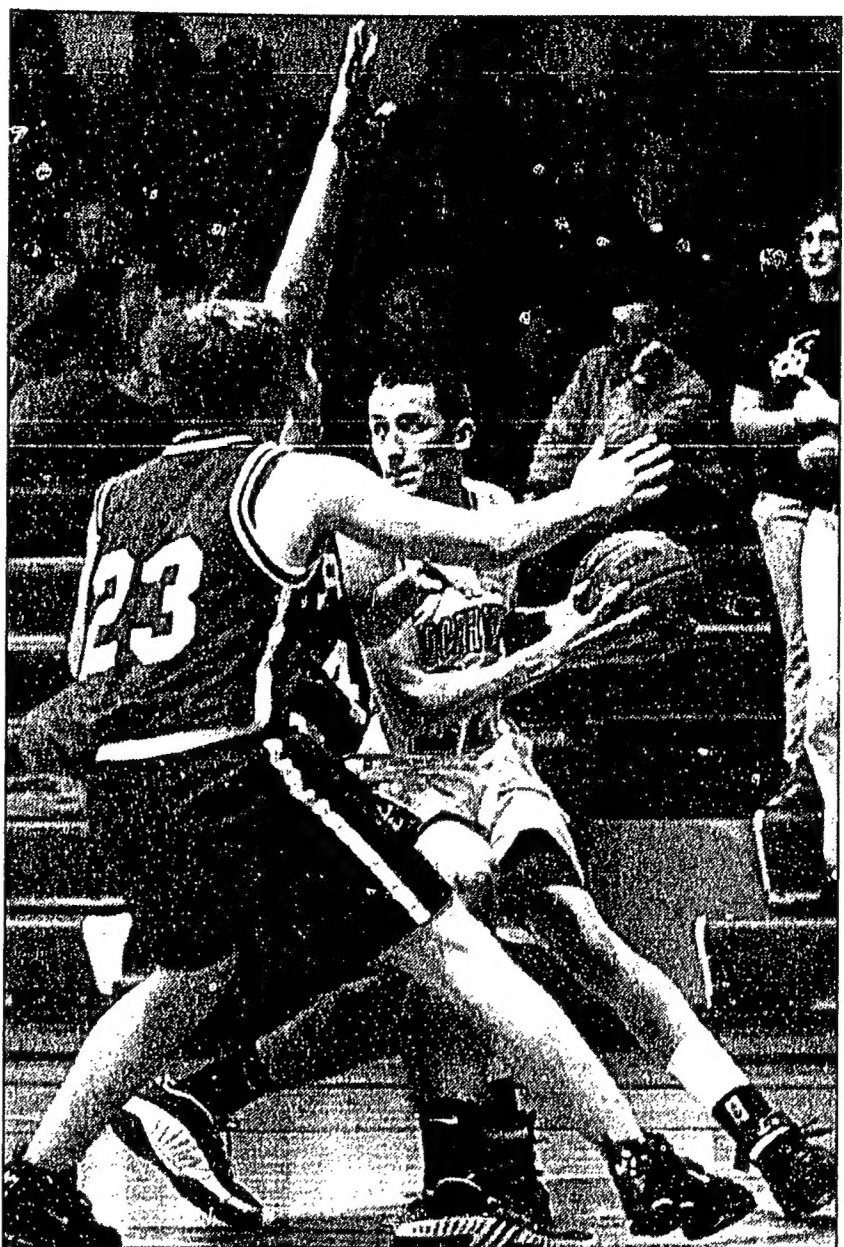
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1. M. Schumacher-NW .594	1. M. Stueve-ESU .462	
2. G. Mueller-TSU .562	2. C. Boston-ESU .451	
3. M. Stueve-DSU .489	3. A. Leiker-ESU .439	
	9. K. Nelson-NW .356	

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SPOOFHOUNDS

MHS BOYS' BASKETBALL



JUNIOR SETH STAASHELM gets double-teamed by two Clarinda players during Maryville's 62-50 win, Monday. Staashelm was the Spoofhounds' second leading scorer despite coming off the bench.

Walter leads team to another MEC victory

By Christopher Woodland
Missourian Reporter

Behind senior Andy Walter and junior Seth Staashelm, Maryville continued its winning ways against Clarinda (Iowa), Monday night.

Walter scored 26, and Staashelm added 16 off the bench as Maryville defeated Clarinda 62-50. The win marked the 'Hounds' fifth in their last seven games.

"Seth is really like a starter," coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "I feel like we have six starters out there."

Walter and fellow senior Aaron Ducker each scored eight points in the first quarter, giving the 'Hounds' a 22-14 lead. Ducker got three of his points with a buzzer-beater from beyond the arc.

Nursing a 31-27 halftime lead, Maryville stressed aggressive play at halftime.

"I urged them to be more aggressive," Kuwitzky said. "I told them we got to look to shoot and get to the rim."

Walter and Staashelm led the 'Hounds' on a 16-2 third-quarter run in the first five minutes. Walter scored the first seven points, and Staashelm added the next six.

"He (Walter) really stepped up in the second half and took over the third quarter," Kuwitzky said.

Clarinda mounted an 11-point run at the end of the third and beginning of the fourth quarter to close the deficit to eight. But Walter scored nine more in the fourth, including five of five free throws to secure the win.

Ducker added 10 points for the 'Hounds' and Ryan Sudhoff had five. Maryville made six 3-pointers, and shot 19-of-22 from the free-throw line.

Juniors Cy Williams and Fletcher Sunderman scored 14 and 10 points, respectively, for

Clarinda.

The team hopes its good play lately will turn into long-term success down the stretch.

"The whole team is really coming together. Hopefully we can get a good seed at districts and move on from there."

The Spoofhounds play again at 5 p.m. Friday, at Benton, and at 5 p.m., Monday, at home, against Mount City.

MHS WRESTLING

Healthy squad enters districts

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

At midseason, the Maryville wrestling team's chances of sending seven wrestlers past districts seemed slim.

With five injured starters out of the lineup in MEC losses to Cameron and Platte County, the Spoofhounds' conference-title hopes were dashed, and their season hinged on those wrestlers regaining top form.

In the Albany Dual Tournament, the 'Hounds did just that.

Just as they did last year, Maryville won the tournament, notching five victories with nearly their whole squad healthy.

Maryville beat five opponents, including four district foes (South Harrison, Albany, Rock Port and Stanberry) last Saturday, each, with the exception of Albany, coming by more than 30 points.

But coach Joe Drake was not satisfied with his team's performance until the championship dual with Stanberry, where it all came together in a 63-6 annihilation.

"Up until the finals, we didn't have what I'd call a real good day," Drake said. "We wrestled flawlessly in the last dual. Everything kind of came together like it was supposed to have been all day long."

Stanberry's only points of the dual came when 130-pound Zack Schieber forfeited because of a back injury.

On the day, sophomore Dannen Merrill, who has now won 27 straight matches, went 5-0 with two pins and three decisions. Luke Lancaster (189 pounds), Dakota Merrill (140), Derek DeMott (135) and Jason Davis (285) joined Dannen in finishing the day undefeated.

In the midst of the blowout victories, the 'Hounds got an unexpected challenge from Albany (40-31.)

"We had great difficulty with the Albany team," Drake said. "We couldn't get rid of them. They just hung on and kept it close the whole dual. They gave us a worse scare than anybody the whole day."

Maryville finished 11-3 in the regular season and now shifts its focus to the postseason where individual points are now the primary factor in success. The top four finishers in districts advance to the state tournament.

The six wrestlers who return from last season's state championships are all healthy, including Dakota, who has battled a dislocated elbow all season, and 171-pound Jacob Zech, who sat out three weeks with a concussion.

In addition to the five teams in the Albany tournament, Maryville will face top state contenders.

"We know going in, Brookfield will be the favorite to win the district title," Drake said. "Brookfield, Cameron, ourselves and Trenton should be the top four teams in the tournament. If we get some breaks and wrestle well, we might be able to change where we're going to finish, but right now, Brookfield will be the odds-on favorite."

Drake's assertion is accurate, as the Bulldogs sport a ranked wrestler in 11 of the 14 weight classes, including three No. 1-ranked wrestlers. Brookfield won the Class 1 state title last season, while Trenton and Cameron finished fifth and sixth. Maryville finished 22nd a season ago.

But with the momentum the 'Hounds have, 160-pound senior Tanner Archer believes they should easily match last year's total and possibly send a double-digit amount of performers to Columbia in his final season.

"We plan on sending more," Archer said. "We don't want to ever be satisfied. That's the main thing. We had seven last year, hopefully, we'll have 10 or so this year."

CHAMPION: Bench scoring vital in MEC showdown

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"I still think they may be the team to beat in that district with Platte County and everybody else," he said. "Benton maybe doesn't have quite the experience they had last year, but they're almost as athletic. I think they're a team that could peak at the end of the year and be really good again."

If the Cardinals have yet to peak, the 'Hounds may be in trouble. Benton has won over some top-quality competition already by beating Class 5 North Kansas City St. Teresa's Academy and Ottawa (Kan.). On the other hand, the Cardinals haven't dominated the top teams in the MEC, beating Savannah by three and Smithville by just two.

Despite losing star guard Alicia Bell, now with Northwest, Benton is loaded yet again with sharp-shooting guard Holly Switzer, who scored 19 against St. Teresa's Saturday, and nimble post player Karl Sample, who connected for 20.

Sample, a sophomore, doesn't concern Hageman as much as the guards, as he feels his post players, Megan Walker and Tracy Jensen will be able to neutralize her.

"She's more of a taller post, but maybe not as strong as Walker, and if Tracy continues to be aggressive

and take it right at her, I think we match up pretty well down there," he said.

Switzer and guard Jenni Musser will have a similar challenge on their hands as they will be forced to contain Maryville's three-headed backcourt scoring monster in Meridee Scott, Emily Kisker and McClellan.

Scott hit for double figures in three of those four games, while Kisker and McClellan scored 14 and 15, respectively, against Falls City.

The one definite edge this team has may be depth. While Benton only plays seven to eight players,

Maryville uses 10 and 11-player sets, sometimes running in five players off the bench at a time.

"I still think we're going to be a little deeper than them," Hageman said. "Hopefully, we can get the ball moving up and down the floor and get after them defensively and maybe wear them out by the fourth quarter. (But), they've played some pretty good teams, so that's easier said than done."

This will be the final ranked team Maryville faces before district play begins, and if it were to emerge victorious, it would be a stunning upset after falling 62-31 and 44-13

last year. But Hageman stresses improvement is the key issue and almost envisions tonight's game as a win-win situation, as a loss would not be too detrimental to their season.

"This is probably the toughest team we'll see," he said. "If we can come out with a win at home, I think that would be really exciting, and that would give us all the momentum in the world to go out and do really good at districts. But the coaches and players realize this is a really good team, so at the same time, if we lose it won't be the end of the world either."

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Giants and NFL win in Patriots' spying scandal

As Bill Belichick cowardly walked off the field with two seconds left in Super Bowl XLII, the NFL may have saved itself a world of problems. Yes, they had a Super Bowl record audience (with two big market teams playing) watch the Patriots go for only the second undefeated season in NFL history. The Giants pulled off one of the biggest upsets in Super Bowl history.



Brett Berger
University Sports Editor

Everybody in the media, including me, wrote them off, saying that Eli Manning would crack under the pressure and the Patriots would dominate. Even the broadcast on FOX was pro-New England with the "Declaration of Independence" opening.

Rams' walkthrough before Super Bowl XXXVI in 2002. In that game, the Patriots were 14-point underdogs, and upset the Rams.

Had the Patriots won last Sunday, it

would put a major black eye on football much like what steroids have done to baseball. There's nothing better for a league that's more popular than it has ever been before, to have its greatest team in league history cheating its way to the top.

The Patriots' three Super Bowl titles should be called into question. This organization cannot be let off the hook. There are too many coincidences to call these events isolated.

The Patriots have been accused more than the two times before. They were warned in 2006 when an assistant was filming the Green Bay Packers game.

If anything, Bill Belichick should be suspended for a whole season if the Rams controversy is found to be

true. Players like Pacman Jones were suspended for off-the-field incidents, so the same should be done for on the field indiscretions.

All along, the Patriots had a team that was average at best. Their one superstar player, Randy Moss, didn't join the team until this season. The spying completes the puzzle as to why the Patriots all of a sudden became a dominant team.

What we saw Sunday was what the team looks like when they don't have a videographer. The Patriots didn't break under the pressure of finishing undefeated. They were an ordinary team that had to play on a level playing field with the Giants.

The NFL dodged a bullet, and should thank the Giants.

POWER RANKINGS

MEC Boys

- Team**
1. Benton
 2. Lafayette
 3. Smithville
 4. Maryville
 5. Cameron
 6. Platte County
 7. Chillicothe
 8. Savannah
- Coy, Talbot represent nearly the entire scoring arsenal for Cardinals. Notched biggest win of the season Monday, winning by seven over Benton. Needed more from supporting cast in a surprising loss to 'Hounds. Jump two spots after winning four of their last five MEC games. Like 'Hounds, Dragons move up after victory over Pirates Monday. In freefall after losing to Maryville and Cameron in two of their past three. Battle for second-to-last in the conference Friday night. Gave Smithville's confidence a boost after their loss to Maryville.

Today and Friday's games:

1. Benton: vs. Maryville (Fri.)
2. Lafayette: vs. Platte County (Fri.)
3. Smithville: at Cameron
4. Maryville: at Benton (Fri.)
5. Platte County: at Lafayette (Fri.)
6. Cameron: vs. Smithville
7. Chillicothe: vs. Savannah (Fri.)
8. Savannah: at Chillicothe (Fri.)



SPORTS STAFF PICKS

* We at the Northwest Missourian do not acknowledge the NBA as an actual sports organization. Therefore, no NBA picks.

Scott's Picks
Prediction Record (7-1)
NCAA
Loyola (Marymount) at Portland — Portland. Gone are the days of Hank Gathers and Bo Kimble running up scores on opponents. No more NCAA tournament for Loyola anymore, but Portland doesn't have much of a shot either. Look for Portland to upend the Lions in a Gathers-esque performance of 152-149.

NCAA
Southern Illinois at Creighton — Creighton. This game should be a defensive-minded coaches dream, as neither team gives up many points. The Salukis are horrendous on the road, and the Bluejays are pretty formidable at home. And, Creighton has another Korver. Don't bet against these Iowa-grown ballers, as they show Southern Illinois how to properly play basketball.

NCAA Upset Alert
USC at Washington State — USC. Former Iowa State coach Tim Floyd knows how to win when the tournament is around the corner. It reminds me of a time when he won the last Big Eight tournament back in 1996, and he'll have his team ready to go just like that one. I hear he's bringing back Kevin Cato and my all-time favorite player from that era, Kenny Pratt, for this one, too. Look for the Trojans to dismantle the Cougars.

NCAA Upset Alert
Indiana at Ohio State — Ohio State. I know, Greg Oden isn't walking through that door, or any other member of the Buckeyes team that reached the final four a year ago. I have a good feeling Indiana will be so heart broken about Bobby Knight's retirement, they won't show up, causing Ohio State to win by forfeit.



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MEC Girls

- Team**
1. Platte County
 2. Benton
 3. Maryville
 4. Savannah
 5. Smithville
 6. Cameron
 7. Chillicothe
 8. Lafayette
- Trampled KC Class 5 squads Winnetonka and Oak Park. Defending champs must get by 'Hounds to stay unbeaten in MEC. Will finally get break after tangling with No. 5 Benton. Face scrappy Chillicothe squad, but should hold onto spot in three-way fight for the third spot with 'Hounds and Savannah. Van Biesen, Craig will likely have plenty of looks Friday. Have to contain Gallagher or another MEC loss could be in store. Irish centers face tough task against 6-foot-4 Pirate, Morgan Johnson.

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6. Cameron: at Smithville (Fri.)
7. Chillicothe: at Savannah
8. Lafayette: at Platte County



WHAT TO WATCH?

Scott's TV Picks

Friday
Professional Arm Wrestling, 6 p.m. ESPN2 — Think arm wrestlers don't deserve TV time. Just watch Sylvester Stallone in "Over the Top," and you'll think again, my friend. Trust me.

Days rating (2 of 5)

Saturday

Texas at Iowa State, 2:30 p.m. ABC — Finally, Iowa State is on national TV. It's at home, too, which gives them at least a fighting chance. I don't expect much from the nameless Cyclones (quick name: two players), but at least I can actually watch them.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Sunday

How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days, 5:30 p.m. USA — I know I won't be watching, but I'm sure Marc will. He loves Matthew McConaughey.

Days rating (1 of 5)

Marc's TV Picks

Friday
House Season 1 on DVD — I just bought the first season of House on DVD. That means I get witty jokes, awesome life-saving antics and the ability to self-diagnose in each episode.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Saturday

Baylor at Kansas, 7 p.m. ESPN Full Court — I'll probably have to go to Carson's to watch this game, but it should be worth it. Baylor is the surprise team of the Big XII and Kansas is Kansas.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Sunday

Clemson at North Carolina, 5:30 p.m. FSN National — The Tigers aren't push overs, and my favorite Missouri detective, Tyler Hansbrough, never fails to live up to his nickname, Psycho T.

Days rating (2 of 5)

Sam's TV Picks

Friday
Friends, 5 p.m. TBS — "The one with the Bullies" — Ross and Chandler are afraid to go into the coffee house because bullies threaten to beat them up. They probably deserve it as they spend far too much time on that couch laughing it up. It was only a matter of time before someone resorted to violence.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Saturday

Utah at Minnesota, noon ESPN — I'm giving Big Ten basketball a chance. Defense and rebounding lead to solid, entertaining basketball. NBA fans should watch this, but that much defense may damage their eyes.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Sunday

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TOP PICKS

Top five picks of the week

By Sydney Moore
Entertainment Reporter

Take a road trip — Head to the Beaumont Club in Kansas City on Feb. 19 for the Take Action Tour. The tour benefits Do Something, a non-profit organization that encourages teens to change the world in any way they can. Five bands are getting in on this year's action, including As I Lay Dying, The Bleed, August Burns Red, The Human Abstract and Every Time I Die. Tickets are only \$18 for the standing-room only club, which provides an awesome atmosphere for a show this size.

House Season 1 on DVD — I just bought the first season of House on DVD. That means I get witty jokes, awesome life-saving antics and the ability to self-diagnose in each episode.

Add new MySpace friends — Nada Surf, a three-piece band from New York mixes smooth guitar sounds with one of the better male voices that I've heard in a while. The trio has a very Augustana-like sound, making them perfect to listen to when you're doing homework or just want to hang out. It's like what you hear, check the guys out in Omaha at 8 p.m. on April 2 at The Waiting Room Lounge. Tickets are only \$14, but get them soon — the venue is small and sells out quickly.

Top song on iTunes — If you've watched any TV in the past few weeks, you've probably heard the new hit song, "New Soul" by Israeli singer Yael Na'im. The melody tune provides music for the new MacBook Air commercial from Apple and has now earned the No. 1 position this week.

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Your Man suggests new holidays

My hatred of the completely fictitious holiday of Valentine's Day has been well documented. By that, I mean I wrote about it once last year.

Valentine's Day gives people a way to feel good about their status as "involved" with a partner. Congratulations, you may not die alone after all. Here's a half-eaten box of chocolates.

But instead of once again explaining this ridiculously fabricated holiday, I'll be more proactive and suggest some holiday replacements. Surely we can find a better use for Feb. 14.

Florence Henderson Day
On Feb. 14, 1934, the history of crappy family sitcoms was changed forever with the birth of Florence Henderson, more commonly known as Carol Brady.

Henderson's value to American society can't be measured in rockin' '70s mom haircuts and groundbreaking M.L.F. status. It can only be seen etched into the smiling faces of people who are now roughly 40 years old.

Florence Henderson was a mother to millions and deserves to be celebrated with flowers, parades and cards from her washed-out reality-sitcom children.

Dolly Day
Florence Henderson Day, 2003, was marred by tragedy with the death of Dolly the sheep, the first mammal to be cloned.

Feb. 15, 2003, was a day of crying and drinking and puking and crying again. For one day, it seemed the dream of two John Travoltas, Val Kilmers or Duran Durans was lost to the inadequacies of creepy, irresponsible sheep cloning.

Dolly lasted only six years. That's barely long enough to enjoy the spacious fields of the artificial lab and find a mate who isn't a scientist with weird mommy

issues that sneaks in late at night.

So, a day to honor our fallen comrade and best hopes to clone the entire Baldwin clan seems fitting.

Women's Suffrage Day
From what I'm being told, women's suffrage wasn't finally upheld until Feb. 27, 1922, but I'm guessing they'd been suffering for quite a while up to that point.

I'm anti-women, they're wrong. I'm anti-crazy women. The irony is that it took a whole bunch of crazy women to give the sane ones the right to vote.

Maybe now to celebrate their victory over oppression, women



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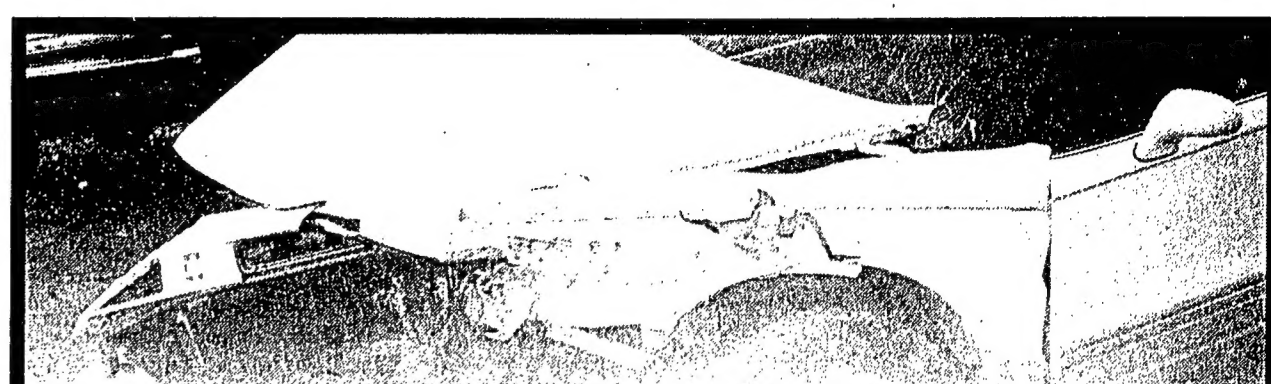
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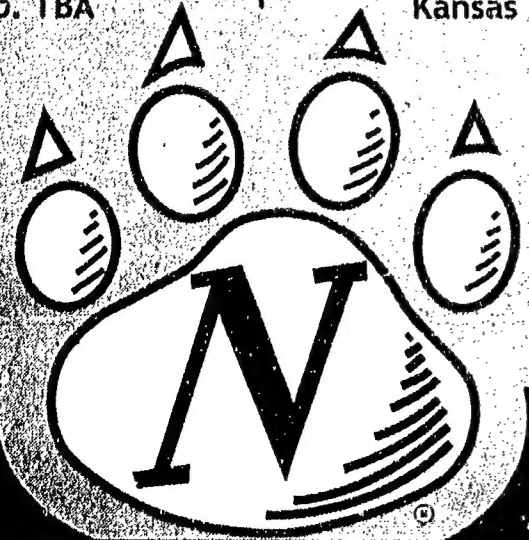
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